HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 757 By Shepard

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Thomas Hayes of Dickson, Tennessee.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Thomas Hayes; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Hayes was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hayes served with acumen and alacrity as Chairman and CEO of TriStar Bank in Dickson, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and customers alike for the exemplary quality of his work and commitment to excellence; and

WHEREAS, born December 20, 1946, Tom Hayes attended Dickson County High School and was a graduate of David Lipscomb University, the Nashville School of Law and Stonier Graduate School of Banking; and

WHEREAS, highly respected in the financial community, Mr. Hayes began his career in banking at Suntrust Bank in Nashville in 1965, position he held until 1973 when he accepted the post of Senior Vice President of First National Bank in Dickson; and

WHEREAS, answering the call of his country, Tom Hayes proudly served in the United States Army from January 1966 to January 1968 when he was honorably discharged; and

WHEREAS, in 1985, Tom Hayes was named President and Chief Executive Officer of the Peoples Bank of Dickson and would serve in that capacity until 1999; and

WHEREAS, an active member of his community, Tom Hayes was a Charter Member of the Dickson High Noon Rotary Club, a past President and former Board Director of the Dickson County Chamber of Commerce, a member and former Treasurer, of the Dickson County Industrial Development Board, a former Dickson County Commissioner, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Middle Tennessee Council for the Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, a leader among his professional colleagues, Mr. Hayes was a member of the Tennessee Bar Association, the Dickson County Bar Association, and the Tennessee Bankers Association where he served on the Government Relations Committee and the Bank Lawyers Committee; and

WHEREAS, Tom Hayes also lent his time and talents to the United Way and was known throughout Dickson County as a strong supporter of the school system both in the classroom and on the field of play; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Hayes was an active and devout member of the Walnut Street Church of Christ, which he served faithfully for many years as deacon and a member of the budget committee; and

WHEREAS, Tom Hayes was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Hayes enjoyed the loving companionship of Linda Peeler Hayes, was the proud father of two devoted children, Joshua Hayes, and Abigail McClure, and the devoted grandfather of three adored grandchildren. Goff, Tristian, and Jasper McClure; and

WHEREAS, mourned by all who knew him, Mr. Hayes will be greatly missed but fondly remembered by his brothers, James Michael Hayes, Keith Hayes, Ty Hayes, and sister, Nancy Kaye Conley; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Hayes leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Thomas Hayes, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Thomas Hayes.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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